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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

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A) THE MANAGUA AGREEMENT SIGNED

YESTERDAY BY THE HEADS OF THE MILITARY FORCES OF EL SALVADOR

AND HONDURAS WAS GIVEN PROMINENT, MATER OF FACT, COVERAGE IN

SALVADORAN MQE

EDIA.

RADIO AND TV STATIONS REPORTED THE INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY
AFTER IT BROKE AND THE FOUR LEADING NEWSPAPERS CARRIED
BANNERLINES ON THE STORY AS WELL AS RMMP-PAGE COVERAGE BASED
ON REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL WIRE AGENCIES.

IN A REALTED DEVELOPED, LEADING, HIGH CIRCULATION LA PRENSA
GRAFICA TODAY EDITORIALIZED ON THE FRONTIER "QUESTION" CALLING
IT A "DANGEROUS VOLLEDY-BALL GAME" AND POINTING OUT THAT
BEFORE 1969, WHEN WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALPDTR,
THE BORDER PROBLEM WAS NEVER REGARDED AS A "RED-HOT PROBLEM."
NEVER, SAID THE DAILY, WAS "THE BORDER A BALL-GAME TO
PLAY INTERNAL POLITICS."

LA PRENSA GRAFICA SAID (SPANISH EXCERPTS):

"...(LA CUESTION FRONTERIZA) ES UNA CUESTION EN LA QUE HAN
ESTADO INTERVINIENDO LOS TIROTEOS, LAS 'INVASIONES,'R INTENTOS DE
'INVASION' DENUNCIADOS RECIPROCAMENTE POR TURNOS. ES UN VER-
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DADERO JUEGO DE VOLIBOL POLITICO QUE NO SOLO ACAPARA LA ATENCION

PUBLICA...SINO QUE PONE EN EL AMBIENTE INTERNO E INTERNACIONAL
LA IMPRESION DE QUE AMBOS PUDIERA ENFRACCARSE EN OTRAS
INSENSATA AVENTURA BELICA.

"...POR SIGLO Y MEDIO NUNCA HUBO NINGUN ENCUENTRO ARMADO
ENTRE HONDURAS Y EL SALVADOR POR RAZONES 'FRONTERIZAS.'" SE SABIA,
NATURALMENTE

L QUE LA LINEA DIVISORIA OFRECIA DIVERSOS PUNTOS
SUSCEPTIBLES DE NEGOCIACION, PUNTOS SOBRE LOS CUALES CAIBA LA
DISPUTA. PERO -REGISTRESE LA HISTORIA-, NADIE PUEDE HALLAR
QUE EN ALGUA MOMENTO LOS GOBIERNOS DE EL SALVADOR Y HONDURAS
UTILIZARAN EL ASUNTO LIMITROFE PARA AYUDAR A RESOLVER PROBLEMAS
DE POLITICA INTERNA. Y MUCHO MENOS PUEDE HALLAR ALGUIEN QUE LOS
GOBIARNOS DE EL SALVADOR Y HONDURAS HAYAN ORDENADO HACER UN
COLO DISPARO POR RAZONES DE FRONTERAS.

EL VOLIBOL FRONTERIZO ES DE CREACION RECIENTE."
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